

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4574  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

UNCLAS SAN JOSE 3653

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN, XK

SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON MARGINAL COST

1. DIRECTOR OF COSTA RICAN SERVICIO NACIONAL DE ELECTRICIDAD (SNE) HAS WRITTEN AMBASSADOR SEEKING ASSISTANCE OF TWO EXPERTS FROM U.S. IN STAGING 3 OR 4 DAY SEMINAR IN SAN JOSE ON THEORY OF MARGINAL COST AND ITS APPLICATION IN SETTING ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES. EXPERTS EXPECTED TO: A) PLAN SEMINAR PROGRAM, INCLUDING PROPOSING DATE; B) SELECT LITERATURE, WHICH WOULD BE TRANSLATED, IF NECESSARY, AND FORWARDED TO PARTICIPANTS IN ADVANCE AND C) PARTICIPATE IN SEMINAR. SNE DIRECTOR SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE SOURCES FOR EXPERTS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS, FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION, AND STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONS. HE NOTED THAT SNE HAS HAD FRUITFUL CONTACT IN PAST WITH FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

2. SNE HOPES SEMINAR WOULD ATTRACT ATTENDANCE FROM OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

3. NO FUNDS SPECIFICALLY BUDGETED BY SNE FOR COST EXPERTS SERVICES AND ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE ESTIMATE OF THESE COSTS, IF THEY  
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CANNOT BE PAID BY ORGANIZATION FROM WHICH EXPERTS

WOULD BE DRAWN. FYI WE SUSPECT SNE COULD FUND LOCAL  
EXPENSES FOR HOTEL, SUBSISTENCE, BUT MAY HAVE  
DIFFICULTY WITH DOLLAR PAYMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION  
AND FEES, IF ANY.

4. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THIS  
REQUEST. APPRECIATE DEPT. CHECKING WITH APPROPRIATE  
AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ADVISING RESULTS BY  
CABLE.  
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